

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic camera comprising:
image pickup means for picking up an object;
storing means for storing an image picked up by
5 said image pickup means;
erasing means for erasing the image stored by said
storing means; and
notifying means for notifying of an advance notice
of the erasure of the image by said erasing means,
10 wherein said notifying means changes notification
contents in accordance with data attached to the image
as a target to be erased.
2. An electronic camera according to claim 1,
15 wherein the data attached to said image is data
indicating whether the image has been transferred from
said storing means to a different storing area or not.
3. An electronic camera according to claim 1,
20 wherein said notifying means includes display means for
notifying by displaying an advance notice of the
erasure of the image.
4. An electronic camera according to claim 2,
25 wherein said notifying means includes display means for
notifying by displaying an advance notice of the
erasure of the image.

5. An electronic camera according to claim 3,
wherein said display means includes an LED and at least
one of a color of said LED, a flickering period of said
LED, and a light-on time of said LED is changed in
accordance with the data attached to the image to be
erased by said erasing means.

6. An electronic camera according to claim 4,
wherein said display means includes an LED and at least
10 one of a color of said LED, a flickering period of said
LED, and a light-on time of said LED is changed in
accordance with the data attached to the image to be
erased by said erasing means.

15 7. An electronic camera according to claim 3,
wherein said display means includes an LCD and at least
one of a shape of a segment on said LCD, a flickering
operation of the segment on said LCD, and a on-time of
the segment on said LCD is changed in accordance with
20 : the data attached to the image to be erased by said
erasing means.

8. An electronic camera according to claim 4,
wherein said display means includes an LCD and at least
25 one of a shape of a segment on said LCD, a flickering
operation of the segment on said LCD, and a on-time of
the segment on said LCD is changed in accordance with

the data attached to the image to be erased by said erasing means.

9. An electronic camera according to claim 1,
5 wherein said notifying means includes sound generating means for notifying by generating a sound of an erasure advance notice of the image.

10. An electronic camera according to claim 2,
10 wherein said notifying means includes sound generating means for notifying by generating a sound of an erasure advance notice of the image.

11. An electronic camera according to claim 9,
15 wherein said sound generating means is constructed by a buzzer and at least one of a frequency of said buzzer, a sound generating period of said buzzer, and a sound generating time of said buzzer is changed in accordance with the data attached to the image which is erased by
20 said erasing means.

12. An electronic camera according to claim 1,
further comprising an erasing switch for executing the
erasure of the image by said erasing means,
25 and wherein by continuing the ON state of said
erasing switch until a first predetermined time and
turning off said erasing switch after the elapse of

said first predetermined time, the image can be erased.

13. An electronic camera according to claim 12,
wherein in the case where the ON state of the erasing
5 switch is continued until a second predetermined time
longer than said first predetermined time, the erasure
of the image by said erasing means is stopped.

14. An electronic camera according to claim 12,
10 further comprising an erasing cancel switch for
cancelling the erasure of the image by said erasing
means,

and wherein even in the case where the ON state of
said erasing switch is continued for a time longer than
15 said first predetermined time, by turning on said
erasing cancel switch before said erasing switch is
turned off, the execution of the erasure of the image
by said erasing means is stopped.

20 : 15. A storage control apparatus comprising:
 storing means for storing an image file;
 erasing means for erasing the image file stored by
 said storing means; and
 notifying means for notifying of an advance notice
25 of the erasure of the image file by said erasing means,
 wherein said notifying means changes notification
 contents in accordance with data attached to the image

file as a target to be erased.

16. An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein
the data attached to said image file is data indicating
5 whether the image has been transferred from said
storing means to a different storing area or not.

17. An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein
said sound generating means is constructed by a buzzer
10 and at least one of a frequency of said buzzer, a sound
generating period of said buzzer, and a sound
generating time of said buzzer is changed in accordance
with the data attached to the image which is erased by
said erasing means.